

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71A-4 Building Date: 1914

Building Name: Anderson House

Location: 8707 Race Track Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description:

The Anderson House is an L-shaped frame gable-roofed house, two stories high, approximately 33 by 40 feet. The principal facade faces south; it has a central entrance, with two bays to the east and a semi-hexagonal three-window bay to the west. The boxed cornices are returned at all three (north, east and west) gable ends. There are two interior chimneys, one at the east gable end, and one in the center of the north-south leg of the ell at the ridge. The house was covered with German siding; some of this siding has been removed, revealing the diagonal framing underneath. The doors and windows have plain board surrounds. The roof is of standing seam metal and is partially covered with deteriorating hexagonal asphalt shingle. The high foundation is of poured concrete, and encloses a basement under the (north) kitchen section. Flanking the principal (south) entrance are remnants of two engaged wooden Tuscan columns, marking the location of an original one-story porch. The house also had a large one-story porch which wrapped around the interior of the ell and the east gable end; one turned post from this porch remains attached to the east gable end. On the interior, several floors and partition walls have been removed.

Significance:

The Anderson House, typical of Prince George's County farmhouses, was built in 1914. It stands on part of "Clark's Fancy", a 120-acre farm which Belle Brownell Anderson inherited from her uncle, Van Brownell. In 1914, Mrs. Anderson and her husband, Basil, sold 105 acres of the farm to the Southern Maryland Agricultural Fair Association; their original home was demolished in the development of the Bowie Race Course. The Andersons built a new home, the subject house, on the remaining 15 acres. After Basil Anderson's death in 1957, his heirs brought suit in Equity Court, and the property was sold to the present owners. Since that time, the house has been used as the office of a food company, and the interior has been partially dismantled to allow for storage space. The house is in deteriorating condition, has been posted unsafe.

Acreage: 7.4 acres

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Anderson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8707 Race Track Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Bowie ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George O. Russell

street & number 8707 Race Track Road telephone no.:

city, town Bowie, state and zip code Md. 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 2343

street & number Main Street folio 311

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. PG71A-4

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Flanking the principal (south) entrance are remnants of two engaged wooden Tuscan columns, marking the location of an original one-story porch. The house also had a large one-story porch which wrapped around the interior of the ell and the east gable end; one turned post from this porch remains attached to the east gable end.

The interior plan was composed of central stair hall, parlor to the east, and dining room and kitchen to the west and north. Door and window surrounds have bulls-eye corner block molding throughout. Because the building has in recent years been used for feed storage, several floors and partitions have been removed to allow greater storage space. The mantels and staircase also have been removed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1914 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Anderson house, typical of many farm houses in Prince George's County, was built c. 1914. It stands on a portion of 120 acres, part of Clark's Fancy, that Belle Brownell inherited from her uncle, Van Brownell, who died intestate in 1902.¹ Belle Brownell married Basil H. Anderson and in 1914 the couple sold 105 acres of Clark's Fancy to the Southern Maryland Agricultural Fair Association. That parcel contained their original dwelling which the new owners demolished to clear the way for construction of the Bowie Race Course.²

A new house (the subject house) constructed on the remaining 15 acres, became the Andersons' "homeplace". Upon her death in 1945, Belle Brownell Anderson devised the property to her husband, Basil Anderson, who died in 1957, leaving no direct heirs, but several sisters and a brother. They found that Anderson's personal estate was insufficient to pay off his debts so they brought suit in equity petitioning for the sale of his real estate.²

By Equity Court decree, trustees were appointed to carry out a sale and at a public auction the present owners, George O. and Dorothy E. Russell, were the high bidders for the house and the 7 acres surrounding it.³ For a time the Russells used the building as the office of a feed business, but it has been standing vacant the past ten years.⁴ The house is in deteriorating condition, has been posted unsafe.

Notes:

¹ Administration #1872.

² Equity B-1317. Will, WEC #1:205.

³ Deed, #2343:311.

⁴ Interview with owners, November 1984.

Survey No. PG#71 A-4

and chain of title

Quadrangle scale _____

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Perkins House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Racetrack Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Bowie				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>VACANT</u>
				<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Beatrice P. Curtin				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair

(Check One)

☒ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame building with a four-bay facade. The two south bays are windows with 2/2 double hung sash. The north bay is a two story, semi-hexagonal bay window. There is an internal chimney on the south gable end.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itation

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

27 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Chain of Title

Anderson House
P.G. #71A-4

#2343:311
6 June 1959
Deed

Marvin I. Anderson and Edward C. Bell, trustees to George O. Russell and Dorothy E. Russell, his wife; 7.427 acres lying on the north side of Race Track Road; part of the land ordered sold in Equity #B-1317.

Equity
#B-1317
1957

Marvin I. Anderson and Edward C. Bell, administrators of Basil H. Anderson, vs. Rose Keys, et al; Basil Anderson d. intestate 1/3/57 leaving a personal estate insufficient to cover his debts. Suit brought petitioning for sale of his real estate. Under decree dated 8/12/57 the trustees sold 7 acres containing the dwelling house, as one parcel; same which Basil Anderson received by the will of his wife, Belle Brownell Anderson, recorded WEC #1:205.

WEC#1:205
6/19/45
Will

Belle Brownell Anderson, d. 4/23/45, devising to her husband, Basil H. Anderson, "the home property;" part of 120 acres Belle B. Anderson acquired under Admin. #1872, estate of Van Brownell.

Admin.
#1872
1903

As the only heir of her uncle, Van Brownell, who died intestate in 1902, the then Belle Brownell acquired 120 acres; same which deceased acquired by JWB#35:186.

JWB#35:186
2 Jan. 1896
Deed

Mary B. Marypenny, widow, to Van Brownell of Washington, D.C.; (no acreage given) part of Clarke's Fancy; same which grantor acquired by JWB#16:741.

JWB#16:741
28 Jan. 1891
Deed

Frannie Hollis Zug and her husband, John E. Zug, to Mary B. Marypenny; 120 acres, part of Clarke's Fancy; same which grantors acquired by JWB#7:651.

SANDOR HORVATH
5299 / 584
51.74 A.
P.253

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PATUXENT

JAMES
F. ELBEN
P.196
5139 / 660
2.10A P.238
1.14 A.
P.24

MARYLAND - NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK & PLANNING COMMISSION
4121/140
43.09 A
P.14

MITCHELL H.
STEWART
4909/215
16.04 A.
P.179

GEO. O. RUSSELL
2343-314
11.49 A.
P.181

MAP 29-
P.181

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GEORGE RUSSELL
2343/311
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GENE HOGAN
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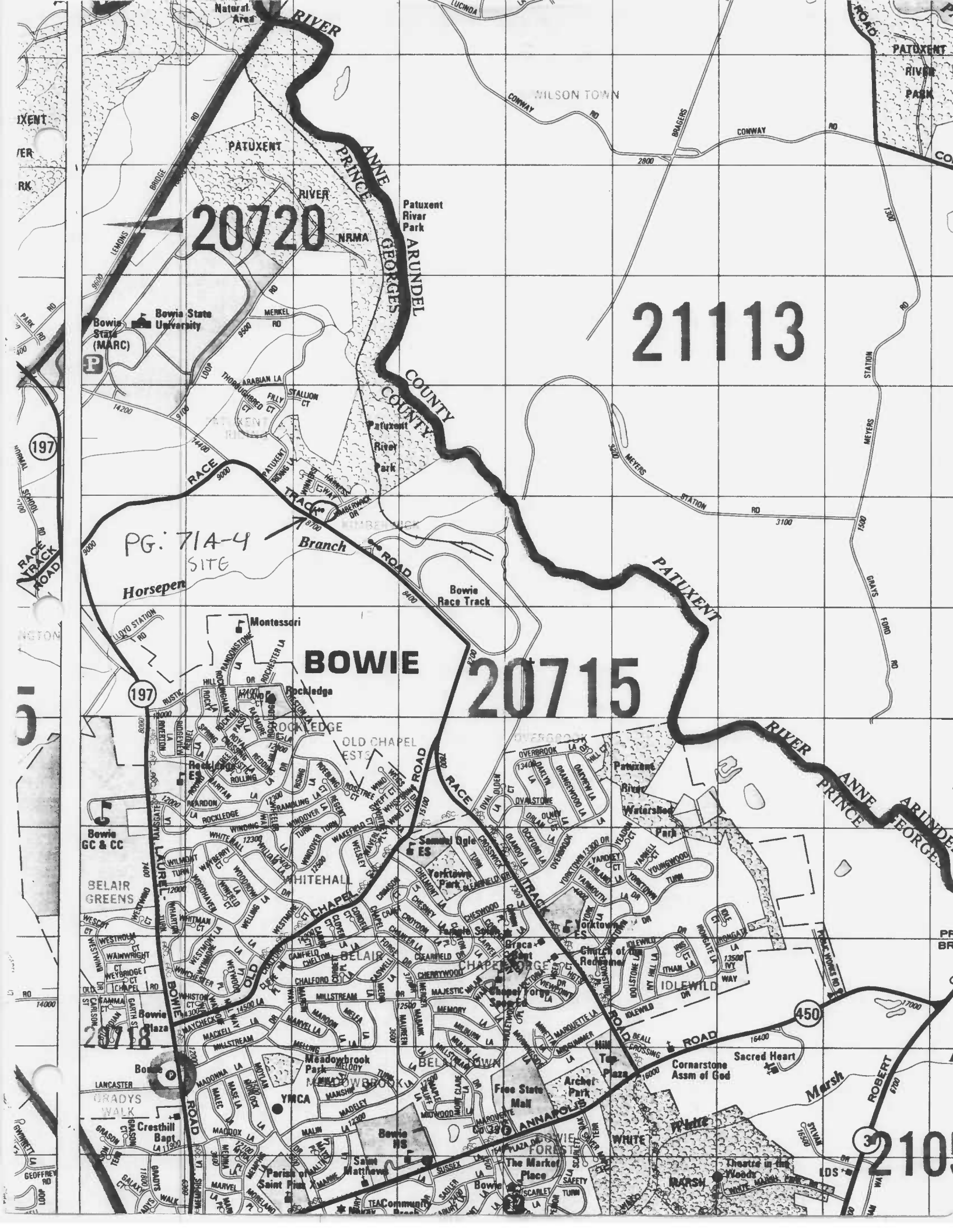
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MAP 30-P.11

BOWIE
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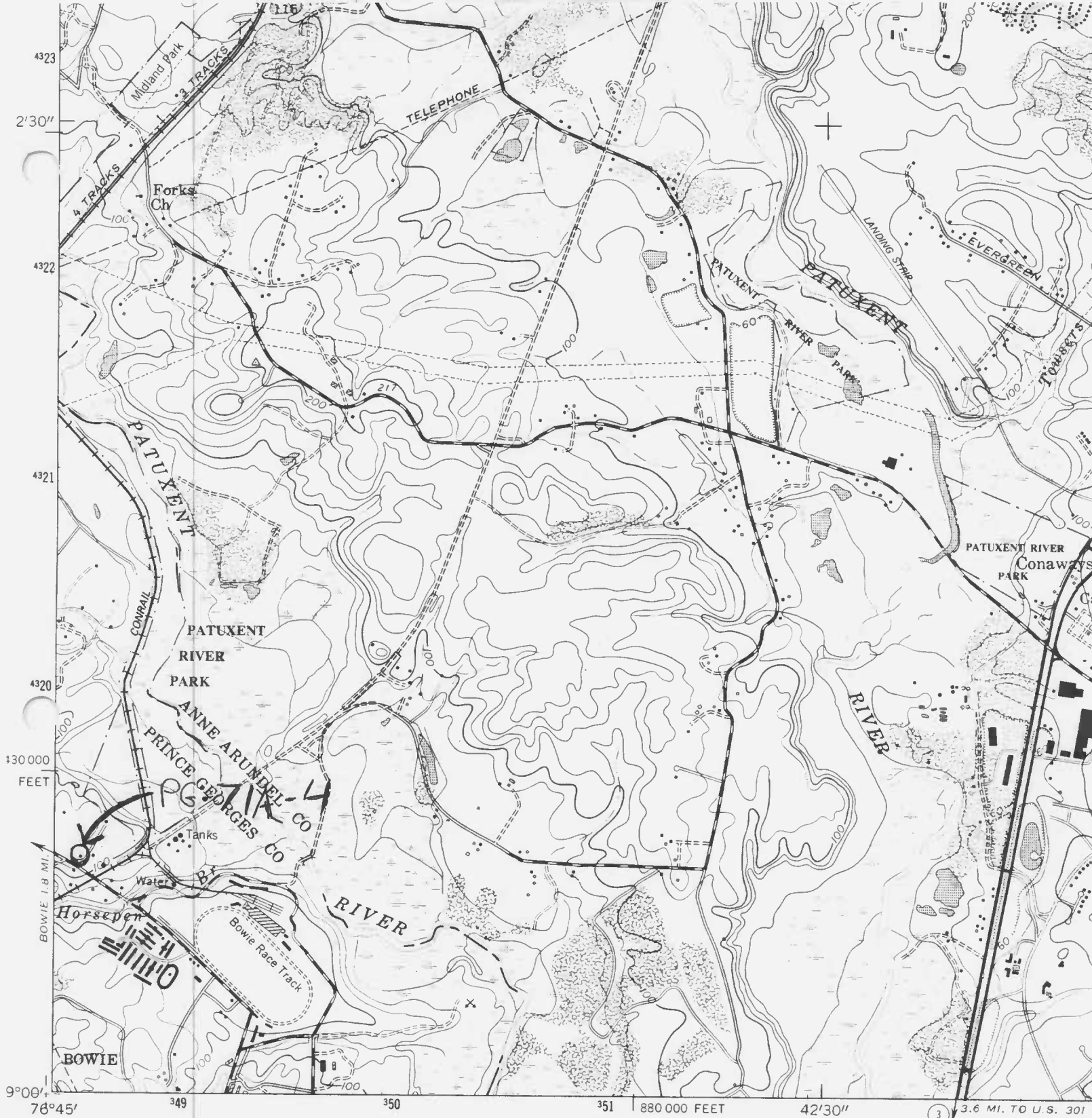
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SITE

BOWIE

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Published for civil use by the Geological Survey

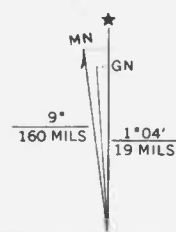
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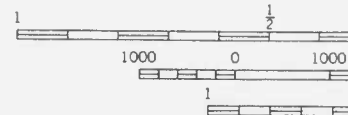
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 8 meters south and
27 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of



UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



OPEN TON

FOR SALE BY U.



P.G. #71A-4

Anderson House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

November 1984

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Anderson House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

November 1984

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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South elevation, detail

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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East elevation, detail

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NAME PERKINS HOUSE

LOCATION RACE TRACK Rd JUST PAST OLD R.R. BED BOWIE, MD

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